

# HOW TO INTEROP UNLOCK **OTHER-OEM DEVICES**

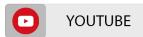


- A Windows PC (Minimum: Windows 7 SP1 | Recommended: Windows 8 & above)
- Bootloader Unlocked Lumia Device.





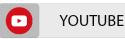
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#### Introduction

What exactly is Interop Unlock and do you really need it?

YES, this unlock is mandatory if you are to enjoy your Windows Phone now, here's what it does;

- This whole procedure will give you read and write access to almost most of the registry hives and keys.
- It will also remove the sideloadable package limit of the developer mode hence you can deploy unlimited number of apps apart from installing via Microsoft store.
- Also, this will enable new app capabilities that are restricted otherwise which are being used in third party sideloadable apps
   (Mostly power user / Advanced)

Also, beaware that **Interop tools application is not the same as Interop Unlock**, it's just a tool which autoamtes the Unlock procedure in supported Devices.

That means merely installing the app doesn't mean the device is Interop Unlocked!

What are OTHER-OEM Devices?

Any Windows Phone not made by NOKIA / Microsoft are called Other-OEM Windows Phones.

In other words, any Windows Phone which isn't a LUMIA is an Other-OEM Device.

Are there any pre-requirements?

#### NO.

This can be done even on a newly reset device as well.

#### **Preparations**

#### Download WP Common packaging tools & install it.





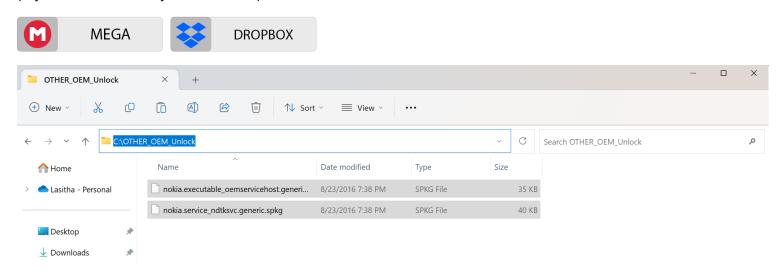
Welcome to the Windows Phone Common Packaging and Test Tools (NT\_x86\_fre) Setup Wizard

The Setup Wizard allows you to change the way Windows Phone Common Packaging and Test Tools (NT\_x86\_fre) features are installed on your computer or to remove it from your computer. Click Next to continue or Cancel to exit the Setup Wizard.

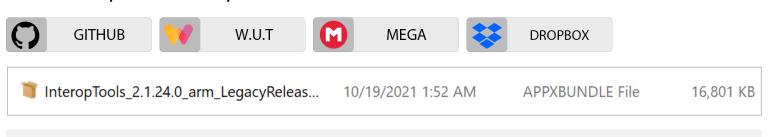
#### Download OTHER\_OEM\_Unlock.ZIP.

Extract it to a folder matching the ZIP name in to the Root Drive (C:) of your PC.

(Refer to the screenshot for more details)



#### Download Interop Tools & Install in your Lumia.



#### **NOTE**

Only Interop Tools 2.0.95 / 2.1.24 or newer Versions are compatible to use with this guide, go with the latest!



#### **Interop Unlock OTHER-OEM Windows Phones**

- > Open Interop Tools application.
- > Choose **This Device** as the provider.

(Do not choose This Device (Through provider extentions))

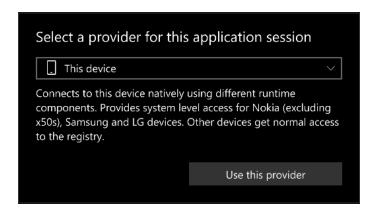
> Then, expand the the hamburger menu (Side menu)

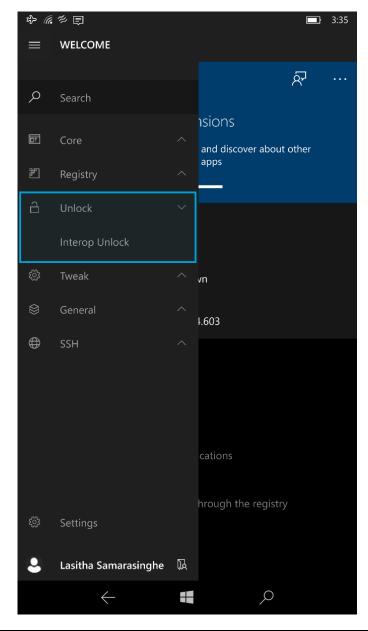
Expand the **Unlock** section.

Click Interop Unlock entry.

That will take you to the Interop Unlock page.

DO NOT ACTIVATE ANY OF THE TOGGLES YET!!







> There find the button at the bottom which says "Allow the installation of NDTK on any device" & click on it.

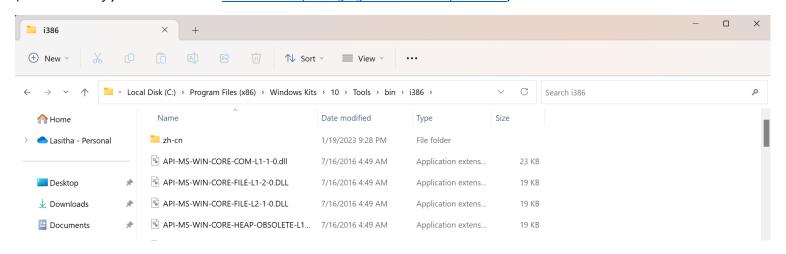
#### Allow the installation of NDTK on any device

(Then it will change to "Restore Default Manufacturer", don't re-click it yet!)

- > Now connect your phone to PC via USB Connection.
- > Open File explorer in your PC & navigate to the below path;

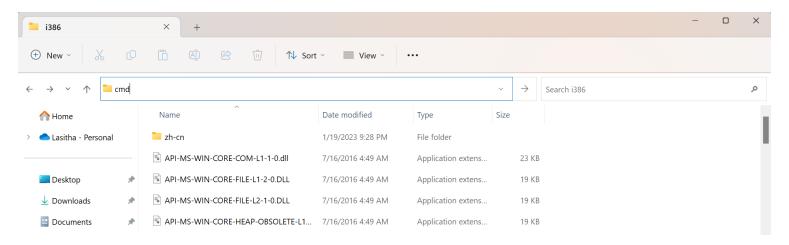
#### C:\Program Files (x86)\Windows Kits\10\Tools\bin\i386

(Will not exist if you have installed WP Common packaging tools as in Preparations)



Click on the address bar and type CMD.

Then press enter.





> That will open a Command prompt window in that directory.

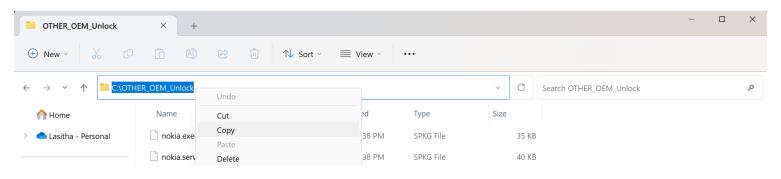


> Now what we have to do is to push the two SPKG files which were in the **OTHER\_OEM\_Unlock ZIP** which <u>we downloaded in</u> the first preparations step.

Namely, we need to push both **nokia.executable\_oemservicehost.generic.spkg** & **nokia.service\_ndtksvc.generic.spkg** to your OTHER-OEM Windows Phone.

So, go to the folder where you have extracted these files (In preparations, we said to extract them to root drive of your PC)

#### Copy it's path.



Back to the Command prompt window.

> Now start typing the below command;

Iutool -v -p "C:\OTHER\_OEM\_Unlock"

(Replace C:\OTHER\_OEM\_Unlock if you placed the files elsewhere unlike Instructed in Preparations)

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C:\Windows\System32\cmd.e × + ∨

Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.22621.1555]
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C:\Program Files (x86)\Windows Kits\10\Tools\bin\i386>iutool -v -p "C:\OtherOEMUnlock"
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> Re-check the command syntax & path, and press enter when you are done!

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(IUTool Version: 13:54:04/Apr 29 2015)

Log file: C:\Users\lasit\AppData\Local\Temp\IUTool-{299338D7-E9AD-4D02-BD74-B341894FDEEF}.etl

[1] Started device 2469e17ab043ecdcd34801796d70555e

[1] Transferring files started

[1] Transferring files complete: 2 files

[1] Update started
```

If there are no errors, your **phone will reboot in a matter of seconds**.

Then the phone will boot to the Update OS (Rotating cogs) and the installation will begin.

You will have a progress bar to monitor the installation although the installation will not take more than a couple of minutes.



#### Common iutool Error Codes...

#### Error Code: 0x80070490 / 0x8007005

If you receive this error, disconnect your phone from PC.

- > Go to Control Panel -> Devices and Printers, find your windows phone, right click on it and click "Remove device".
- > Then re-connect phone to PC and re-run the Command, the SPKG will be pushed without errors.

#### Error Code: 0x8007003

If you receive this error, then that can be due to two reasons mainly;

- You haven't clicked **Allow the installation of NDTK on any device** Button.
- The bootloader of the phone is unlocked; if so, re-lock it.

#### Getting a different error?

Check in the lutool error code list: <u>IUTool error codes</u> - <u>Windows 10 hardware dev</u> | <u>Microsoft Learn</u>

When the update is finished and the phone boots back;

- > Open Interop Tools and go back to the Interop Unlock page.
- > Now you need to click on the "Restore default manufacturer" button at the bottom.

Restore default manufacturer

The button then will change back to "Allow the installation of NDTK on any device"

(Don't mind if the app crashed after clicking it)

> Now, all you got to do is to enable the first & second toggles, namely;

Interop/Cap Unlock

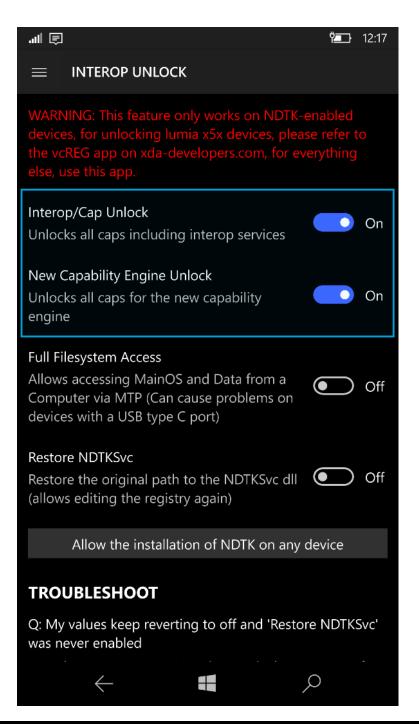
New Capability Engine Unlock

#### WARNING!

DO NOT ENABLE **Restore NDTKSvc** TOGGLE IN ANY OTHER-OEM WINDOWS PHONE DEVICE.

That is all!

Your OTHER-OEM Windows Phone is now Interop Unlocked!



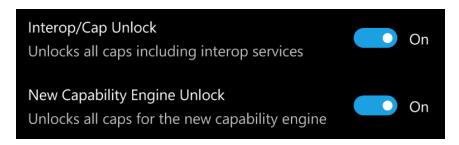
#### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

**Q.** How to turn off Interop Unlock?

**A.** Once turned ON, it's tricky to turn it off, but there is no reason to turn it OFF cause Interop Unlock doesn't create any problems with the OS or it's functionality.

Q. If I hard reset the phone, will I lose Interop Unlock?

**A. Yes**, but if you want to re-enable, just go to Interop Unlock page and re-enable *Interop/Cap Unlock* & *New Capability Engine Unlock* toggles, all the previous steps aren't needed to re-do.



**Q.** If I re-flash the phone, will I lose Interop Unlock?

A. Yes, you will lose it completely and need to do this guide from the beginning to have it back enabled.

Q. What does Full FileSystem Access toggle do?

A. This an optional toggle, it is used to get limited read & write access to C Drive (MainOS) via the MTP connection to PC.

It is not very useful and can glitch the USB connection in USB Type-C devices as well so it's not recommended to enable.

**Q.** When enabling *Interop/Cap Unlock* and *New Capability engine unlock* in Interop tools, the app shows "**Working**" in status bar and seems stuck doing it, what is the cause?

**A.** You have to use Interop Tools **2.0.95** OR **2.1.24** version, all other older versions are not compatible.

Q. Interop/Cap Unlock toggle in Interop tools is turned off after a reboot, but other toggles are turned ON, is that an issue?

**A. NO**, you don't have to worry about it if that happened, the unlock is still enabled.

#### **End notes**

- Do not skip any steps!
- After Interop Unlcoked, you can freely use any Interop Tools application version you want.

#### **Credits**

✓ Gustave Monce for Interop Tools

That is all to cover in this Guide!

## THANK YOU!!

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